



City of Lincoln, Illinois

Frequently Asked Questions

Topic: Recreational Fires

Question: Can residents have wiener roasts, fire pits, or recreational fires?

Answer: Yes, provided the recreational fires comply with City ordinances.

City Code 5-3-4(E)1. states the following: (All City codes are available on the City website: www.cityoflincoln-il.gov.)

The burning of fuels for legitimate campfire recreation and cooking purposes, or in domestic fireplaces, in areas where such burning is consistent with other laws; provided, that no garbage shall be burned in such cases. However, prior to having an affair commonly known as a wiener roast or similar outdoor function any time during the year, the owner of the property or persons holding said function, shall be responsible to contact the fire department and receive permission for said outside burning.

Recommendations:

1. Contact Lincoln Fire Department (at 735-4020 or in person at City Hall) before the event. Give them your name, address, phone number, and date and location of the event.
2. Make sure you understand the ordinance -- No garbage may be burned; only fire wood.
3. Be courteous: notify your neighbors.
4. Have a form of extinguishment (such as a water hose or a bucket of dirt or sand) on hand and ready.
5. The fire must be attended at all times.
6. Extinguish fire at 10:00 pm for courtesy.
7. If a complaint is received, the Fire Department may ask you to put out a very smoky fire.
8. Keep hot utensils out of the reach of children so they do not get burned.
9. Be prepared to give a hot dog to fire fighters if they are in the neighborhood.